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DAVIS DIVISION No. 3, U. R. of P., Sir Knight Captain; Charles H. Ellis, Recorder; meets first Friday evening in each month.

Local Matters.

Texas Sufferers' Benefit.

This evening a benefit performance will be held at the Opera House for the Texas sufferers, and it is expected that a large sum of money will be realized for so worthy an object. The programme is a long and varied one, and comprises some of our best local talent. The services of all who take part are given free. The entertainment commences at 8 o'clock and will be opened by an address by Hon. Melville Bull. Among those to take part are: The Howard Orchestra, and Seventh Artillery, Newport and Training Station bands; Green's Minstrels; Barney's Graphophone selections; Atwater's Mandolin Quartette; solos by Mrs. Carrie Doty-Spencer, Miss Mary G. Curley, Miss Harriet Hayes, Miss Swan and others; recitations by Mrs. Ethel Henry, professional society entertainer from London (late with the Lily Langtry company), Miss Lillian Maher and Mr. A. B. Comerford; Naval Training Station boys will appear in minstrels, songs, dances, etc.; Professor Ike Johnson will give an exhibition of trick cycling; the St. Cecilia Quartette will sing; then there will be a "Forerunners' prize drill; violin solo, by Master John Greene; a colored quartette will sing and dance; Naval Reserves will drill, and the Philharmonic chorus will be heard. The programme is under the leadership of Professor F. A. Fredericks.

On Monday evening last Miss Annie Geraghty met with a painful accident by falling into a trench on Levin street. The trench was dug to lay a sewer and it is claimed was not properly protected. Miss Geraghty is confined to her home from the effects of the accident and the prospects are that she will have to remain there for several weeks.

The members of Charles E. Lawton Post, No. 5, Women's Relief Corp., received a visit from the department Officers Tuesday evening, when they inspected the corps and found it in its usual first-class condition. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags. A collation was served during the evening.

Mrs. Scott, wife of Sergeant Scott, of the police force, who was run into and injured by a young man riding a wheel a little more than a week ago, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Fred D. Woodruff, of Rocky Mount, N. C., is visiting Mrs. T. W. Wood, on Marlboro street.

The Misses Newman have taken possession of their cottage on Catherine street for the winter.

Dr. D. P. Jacoby has gone to the Rangeley lakes to enjoy a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. William Go-line, of New York, are visiting Mr. Gosling's mother, on Powell avenue.

Mr. J. Trauman Barlick is slowly recovering from his recent attack of illness.

Mrs. John Holt is confined to her home on Poplar street by illness.

General Daniel E. Sikes is visiting in this city.

An Enjoyable Occasion.

A party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland S. Langley, on Chase street last Monday night. The early part of the evening was spent in indoor amusements, after which a musical programme was given. Mr. Nicholas White sang a number of solos in a very creditable manner, and was followed by his daughter, Miss Lillian White, who played and sang several selections in a very pleasing manner, and her songs were so well rendered that she was obliged to favor her listeners with others, which were appreciated equally as much as the first selections. Following this each one in turn did their part towards the musical programme and a delightful evening was spent in singing, playing and merry making. The accompanists during the evening were Miss Emma Becker and Mrs. Fred L. Gannache.

Refreshments were served before the hour for departure had arrived and this was as much enjoyed as any number on the programme. It was a late hour when the guests took their departure.

Fire on the Point.

Tuesday morning about 9:30 an alarm from box 12 was rung in calling the firemen to a small story and a half house on Poplar street, occupied by Mrs. Emily Anderson, a colored woman. The fire started in a rear room under the roof. A bureau and some bedding were badly burned, and the department, in extinguishing the flames, ruined about everything in the room.

Mrs. Anderson claimed that it must have caught from the chimney, but the firemen think it originated in one of the bureau drawers, where the greatest damage was done. The building was owned by Miss Newton, of Providence, and the loss to house and contents amounts to about \$200.

Mr. Grant's Recital.

The second organ recital at Kay Chapel by Mr. Kenneth C. Grant took place Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Grant was assisted by Mrs. A. Mulvey Hutchinson, soprano. The chapel was filled and the recital was a delightful one. The programme was as follows: "Procession of St. Sacrament" by Chavet, an Adagio in A flat by Volckman, the intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" by Mascagni, "Bridal Song" by Jensen, a "Gavotte Pastorale" by Durand, an Idylle, "At Evening" by Buck, and a Festive March in D by Smart. Mrs. Hutchinson's numbers were Dudley Buck's "Bear not O Israel" and "With Verdure Glad" from Haydn's "Creation."

The North Atlantic squadron, comprising the flagship New York, the battleships Massachusetts, Indiana, Kentucky, Kearsarge and Texas, and the torpedo boat Scorpion visited Portsmouth to take part in the celebration attending the presentation of bronze tablets to the new battleships Kearsarge and Alabama by the citizens of New Hampshire the past week.

A good sized gathering of people assembled at the Casino last Sunday evening to listen to a concert given by the Newport Band for the benefit of the Galveston sufferers, and the band is to be commended for the excellent programme of music that was rendered. The sum of \$79.25 was netted and has been forwarded to the sufferers.

The engagement of Miss Eleanor Morrow, daughter of United States Circuit Judge W. W. Morrow, of San Francisco, and Lieutenant H. L. Roosevelt, of the Marine Corps, a nephew of Governor Roosevelt, of New York, was announced last week.

Carl, the seven-year-old son of Rev. C. J. A. Holmgren, of this city, was operated upon at the Newport Hospital Tuesday by Dr. W. T. Bull, assisted by Dr. C. F. Barker. His condition is reported as very favorable.

News was received in this city the past week of the death of Mr. John Ellsworth, at Houston, Texas, during the recent flood; also a daughter of the deceased and her infant babe. Mr. Ellsworth was a cousin of Mr. A. C. Bliss.

Mrs. Rowland S. Langley has recovered from her recent severe attack of illness and is able to be about again.

Miss Charlotte Hiltner, one of the Mercury's contributors, is enjoying a much needed two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Frank M. Wheeler, of the Newport Herald, has been paying a visit to New York the past week.

Captain Hamilton Rowan, First Artillery, of Fort McPherson, is on a visit to friends at Fort Adams.

Mr. Charles S. Parker, of the Daily News office, is enjoying his annual vacation.

Ex-Councilman P. P. Stewart Hale is seriously ill at the Newport Hospital.

September Weddings.

Gallwey-Edgar.

The marriage of Miss Mary Newbold Edgar, daughter of the late William and Mrs. E. L. Edgar, to Rev. N. B. W. Gallwey, of Los Angeles, Cal., took place at All Saints' Chapel, Tuesday, at 12:30 o'clock. The bride entered the church, leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Herman Lettroy Edgar, and was dressed in a gown of white crepe de chine, en train, with a veil of rare point lace. She carried neither prayer book or bouquet. The bride was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Dr. Lincoln, of Chicago. Rev. Henry Morgan Stone, rector of Trinity Church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Huntington, officiated. The ushers were Messrs. Frederick W. Rhineland, Jr., cousin of the bride; Alexander M. Hadden, George E. Bartlett and Francis C. Huntington.

A reception followed at the home of the bride on Beach street, at which Muenchinger & Sons served. The gifts to the bride were valuable and useful.

Franklin-Armstrong.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. George's Church Tuesday evening, at 6:30 o'clock, when Miss Minnie Homer Armstrong, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Armstrong, was married to Judge Robert Maynard Franklin, son of ex-Mayor and Mrs. Robert S. Franklin. As the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march pealed forth, the bride entered the church, leaning on the arm of her father, followed by Master J. Downing Griffith, a page, and was met at the centre aisle by the vested choir, singing as they preceded the ushers to the lower step of the chancel. There they were met by the groom and his best man. The bride looked very pretty, being gowned in white satin and crepe de chine. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles G. Galliat, rector of the church. The ushers were Benjamin Cook, Jr., of Fall River; Dr. Fred M. Spaulding, Cambridge, Mass.; George W. Priest, Newark, N. J.; and Rev. C. H. Porter, Jr., of this city. The duties of best man were performed by Samuel D. Hildreth, of Gloucester, Mass. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, where about sixty of the relatives and intimate friends assembled to offer congratulations to the newly wedded couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin left later on their wedding tour, and will visit New York state and Canada.

Smythe-Scott.

The wedding of Miss Jennie M. Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Scott, of New Rochelle, to Mr. Frederic W. Smythe, of the first firm of Wadley & Smythe, of Newport and New York, took place at Christ Church, Pelham Manor, N. Y., Thursday evening. The bride wore a gown of white crepe de chine, with old point lace trimmings, and carried a bouquet of lily of the valley and white orchids. Her sister was maid of honor, and Mr. Arthur B. Comerford, of this city, was best man. The ushers were Mr. Albert Wadley and the brothers of the bride. The church decorations were exceedingly handsome. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents at Woodside Park, where about 200 people gathered to offer their congratulations.

Newport Man Robbed.

Herman Weiner, the cigar manufacturer of No. 89 John street, in this city, entered a complaint in the Centre street police court, in New York, on Sunday last, charging Charles Jones, a negro waiter, on the steamer Puritan, with the larceny of \$20. Mr. Weiner states that about eleven o'clock Saturday night he was awakened from his sleep and saw Jones rifling his pocket book, which was in his trousers pocket. Jones, as soon as he saw that he was discovered, ran out of the room. Weiner made no trouble over the affair at the time, but reported the case to the purser Sunday morning. Out of a dozen colored employees Weiner had no difficulty in identifying the man. In court the prisoner gave his address as 126 Carlton street, Brooklyn, and was held in \$200 bail for trial.

James E. Craig.

News was received here of the death in Springfield, Mass., Monday afternoon, of James E. Craig, son of Rev. James M. Craig, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. The deceased had been in the employ of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company since 1891, as district manager and general agent in the vicinity of Springfield, and was one of the youngest general agents of the company. His death came as a great shock to his many friends here.

Mr. J. H. Barney has returned from his western trip.

Supreme Court.

The September session of the appellate division of the supreme court opened on Monday morning, with chief justice Stines and Justices Tillinghast and Blodgett on the bench. The following cases were heard: In Charles W. Anthony et ux. vs. John T. Reagan et ux., there is to be a modified decree for sale on the "speder" plan in Thomas B. Sharp et al. vs. Joseph S. Evans et al. a hearing took place. It is a case for partition of real estate and the property has been sold, the commissioners have reported, and nobody appeared to oppose a decree confirming their report, which was entered. It was a rather complicated division, there being a number of minor children, and it was ordered that the three sixtieths (valued at \$150) to go to Joseph Evans under the will of Mary L. Sharp, should be paid his guardian by some future order of the court. It is to go to his heirs if he dies without issue. Distribution to the others interested was ordered to be made from the money in the registry of the court; George H. Grant et al., executors, vs. Edmund S. Bunkle et al., was referred to a master, to take testimony; Gideon P. Rose vs. Seabury A. Mitchell et al. was ordered to be tried by a jury; Thomas E. Tripley vs. Charles E. Campbell is to be submitted on briefs before October 1st; Patrick B. Burke vs. Patrick H. Horgan et al. is to be heard in Providence; Minerva Tupper Nye et al. vs. Charles H. Koelme, Jr., a decree is to be entered; Wattle A. Wesley vs. Daniel T. Church is continued; Otto Ehrhardt vs. Frank A. Buckhout et al. was given two weeks more to obtain more testimony and the hearing will take place in Providence; the City of Newport vs. Jeremiah W. Horton et al. was continued nisi; Peter Donnelly et ux. vs. Ellen Lawton et al. had a hearing on motion of defendants for summary for costs. The court decided that there was a sufficient showing of a case and denied the motion; the case of George Gordon King, Trustee, vs. John Ring, administrator, et al., was continued nisi; the case of State vs. John Reynolds was left involved; Rose vs. Payne continued; state vs. Thomas Knowe was heard; Frances D. Woodsum vs. Elizabeth S. Eggs was heard and the court sent the case back to the common pleas division. Cases in Little Compton and New Shoreham were also heard. The case of Charles Warren Lippitt vs. Board of Aldermen of Newport was continued. A hearing was given the case of Stoyessant Fish vs. Edward W. Higbee, Tax Collector, and the court took the papers.

A recess was afterwards taken and the court adjourned for three weeks.

Robbery at Mrs. Curtis'.

On Friday of last week, between 11:30 and 12:30, the residence of Mrs. T. P. Curtis, on Catherine street, was entered and robbed. Jewels and other valuables were missing. Mrs. Curtis was at home at the time the things were taken, as were also the servants. There were no signs of a break outside and the screens in the windows were all in their proper places. No clue to the robbery has as yet been discovered.

Mr. Edmund Dodge, son of Mrs. Mary Dodge, was taken ill at his residence on Newport avenue Tuesday morning. About 10 o'clock his mother's attention was attracted by a queer sound and going to his side was unable to arouse him. Medical aid was summoned and it was found that he had taken a severe fit, and some time elapsed before he rallied from the stupor. Wednesday his case improved so much that he was able to be up and, although not entirely well, Thursday found him at his employment at the Torpedo Station.

At 5 o'clock Tuesday an alarm was rung in from box 23, at the corner of Broadway and Marlboro street, calling the firemen to Burnside avenue. The fire was in the cellar of a house owned by Thomas O'Connell and occupied by a family named Sullivan. Some furniture was stored in the cellar and this was badly burned. The flames did not reach into the house, although the smoke did. The fire is said to have started by a drunken man entering the cellar and dropping a lighted match in some shavings.

The new double brass tuba which was given to Mr. William B. Oxx, of the Newport band, was used for the first time at the concert at the Casino Sunday night for the benefit of the Galveston sufferers.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Holt, Jr., have been spending their annual vacation with friends in Providence during the past week.

Miss Catharine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett M. Kierlin, celebrated her fifth birthday on Wednesday last. She was the recipient of many presents.

Mr. Harry Allen, of Block Island, is here visiting relatives.

Next Week's War.

With the return of the North Atlantic Squadron it is expected that the plans which is to be carried on here next week. Col. Hasbrouck, the commandant of Fort Adams and Fort Greble, is preparing plans for the part the army will take in the battle between the army and navy, when the ships of the latter will attempt to capture Newport and force an entrance through Narragansett bay and Newport harbor with a view of destroying the government plants here and the city of Newport, then passing up the bay with the smaller ships of the fleet to destroy the towns of Bristol, Portsmouth and Middletown, and to shell Providence.

This battle will be one of the largest military manoeuvres that has ever taken place in this country. The Hon. John D. Long and other navy and army officials will be present to watch the work of the ships and men, which will continue for several days, during which time the submarine torpedo boat Holland, with the aid of the torpedo fleet, will attempt to destroy the attacking fleet outside.

The plans perfected at the war college and those of Admiral Farquhar, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, are not announced yet. The powerful searchlights of the torpedo station will play an important part in the defense of the city and bay, while the new searchlight at Fort Adams, with 350-inch projector, will be fully installed and ready for use before the week has ended, as well as that of Fort Greble, in the west passage of Narragansett bay.

A battle on shore between the sea forces of the North Atlantic squadron, the troops of Fort Adams and the naval apprentice battalion at the training station will be one of the features when the attempt is made to take the city under cover of the fleet.

Home Circle Club.

The Home Circle Club met at the residence of Mrs. John Blair, on Poplar street, Thursday evening. After some business of the club had been transacted a musical program was given. Vocal solos were sung by Miss Edna Thomas, Mr. James Goldie and Mr. Nicholas White; mandolin selections by Mr. James Gallicie; piano selections by Miss Maude Tripp, Miss Lula Blair, Mr. Nicholas White and Mr. Archie W. Sleeper. In-door amusements were also participated in by all present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. A collation was served, after which the members took their departure.

Anniversary of Antislavery.

Monday was the thirty-eighth anniversary of the battle of Antislavery, which occurred September 17, 1862, in which the following Newporters participated: Commander William O. Milne, who was a member of Battery B, First Rhode Island Artillery; Captain Henry D. Scott, who served in a Massachusetts battery; Colonel Andrew K. McMahon, William P. Denman, Thomas M. Freeman, William B. West and others, who were members of the Second and Fourth Rhode Island regiments.

Newport County Fair.

The Newport County Agricultural Society will open its three days' fair next week at Oakland Hall. The exhibits, it is expected, will be large this year, and the best fair ever held by the Society is in prospect. There will be entertainments and dancing each evening. The electric cars take passengers right by the hall and grounds.

There will be a series of races at Aquidneck Park Tuesday, Sept. 25th, the proceeds of which are to go for the relief of the Galveston sufferers. Mr. Thurston kindly donates the use of the Park for that purpose, and several owners of fast horses are arranging the programme for the races. It will doubtless be an interesting occasion. The 3 minute class and the 2:40 class have already filled with good horses. There will also be bicycle and running races.

It is reported that the wedding of Miss Elsie French to Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt will take place at Newport in the early part of January. No details of the wedding have yet been made public, and it is not known whether it will be a home or church wedding.

Professor F. A. Fredericks has tendered his resignation as organist of St. Mary's Church—a position he has held for the past fifteen years—to take effect October 1st. The news of his resignation came as a surprise to his many friends.

The quarterly meeting of the Newport Convocation was held Wednesday at St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.

Annual Visitation.

The annual visitation of the Grand officers to Malbone Lodge, New England Order of Protection occurred Thursday evening. There was a goodly number present. Thanks to the energy of John Allen, one of the members of Malbone Lodge, the room was most handsomely decorated with plants and cut flowers. There was one elegant centre piece representing the badge of the order. The Grand officers present were: Charles S. Goddard Grand Warden, A. E. Henry Grand Vice Warden, Charles H. Mathewson Grand Secretary, Alonzo E. Pierce Grand Treasurer, Wm. M. Lee, James H. Shaw, Past Grand Wardens, Chester E. Rounds and Wm. A. Peckham Supreme Representatives. Most of the Grand Officers were accompanied by their wives. An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation by James H. Shaw, in behalf of the Grand officers, of an elegant water color picture, to Grand Warden Charles S. Goddard of Newport. The recipient was taken completely by surprise, but he responded with very appropriate remarks. Addresses were made by most of the grand officers.

The Providence boat has resumed its winter time table.

Middletown.

COURT OF PROBATE.—The Court of Probate held its regular monthly session on Monday and took action on the following named estates:

Estate of Mary G. Chase. Albert L. Chase, her executor, presented an inventory thereof which was allowed and ordered recorded.

Estate of William Chase. An inventory of that part thereof remaining unadministered was returned, allowed and passed for record.

Estate of Herbert Barker. Cornelia A. Barker, his administratrix, presented an inventory thereof which was received and ordered recorded, and she, his widow, was granted certain allowances therefrom.

Estate of Warren Mowry Brownell. The first and final account of Harriet R. Brownell, his administratrix, was examined, verified and passed for record.

Estate of Henry D. DeLois, Junior. Sarah H. DeLois was appointed administratrix and required to give bond in the sum of \$10,000. James S. Hazard and John H. Crosby of Newport, were accepted as sureties and C. Henry Congdon, James R. Chase and Dennis J. Murphy were appointed appraisers.

Estate of Abraham Coggeshall. The petition of Sarah G. Coggeshall to prove his will and for letters testamentary thereon, was referred to the third Monday of October with an order of notice.

IS TOWN CORRUPT.—The bond of Charles H. Ward, Town Treasurer, made in the sum of \$50,000, was approved, and John H. Ward, Lyman H. Barker and James T. Barker were accepted as sureties thereon.

The account of Charles H. Ward for services as Town Treasurer, for the year ending April, 1900, and amounting to \$101.25, was allowed and ordered paid, together with sundry other accounts, chiefly for the support of the poor and aggregating \$40.75.

The time for receiving proposals for stoning and improving 975 feet of Miantonomi avenue and 1,300 feet of the East Main road, expired at noon on Monday up to which time only two were deposited in the Town Clerk's office. These were opened at the Council meeting and found to be from J. Overton Peckham and Soren Nickelson. Mr. Peckham bid on both jobs and Mr. Nickelson bid only on the improvement on Miantonomi avenue. For stoning Miantonomi avenue Mr. Peckham's bid was \$622.50, while Mr. Nickelson's was \$973. For stoning 130 feet of the East Main road, Mr. Peckham's bid was \$1,650 and there was no rival. Mr. Peckham was awarded the contract for both improvements and Mr. Charles A. Peckham accepted as his surety. To oversee the work Councilman Henry I. Chase was appointed for Miantonomi avenue and Councilman Lionel H. Peabody for the East Main road.

Block Island.

Mr. William P. Ball, one of the old and well known residents of the island, died on Friday of last week after a somewhat lengthy illness. About two years ago he had a slight stroke of paralysis, from which he never recovered, although he became able to go out and around his yard and garden. He has been gradually failing, however, and a second stroke last week resulted in his death last Friday. In his early years he was engaged in the oyster business, the Great Salt pond at that time being stocked with that delicious bivalve. He saved his money and about the time of his marriage built and opened a small store at the "Centre" nearly opposite the present schoolhouse in that district. He prospered, increased his stock until his store was crowded above and below, and during the war and for a number of years after its close, made money rapidly. He purchased a house and a small place across the way, and later on bought other land, until he had a snug little farm. A few years ago he built a fine residence a few yards north of his homestead and christened it "Indian Cottage."

The funeral services were held last Sunday at 2 p. m., in the old church at the Centre, Rev. Myron D. Fuller of East Greenwich, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Block Island, officiating, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Roberts. Mr. Ball leaves a widow and four sons, Irving O., proprietor of the Hamilton House, Washington, D. C., and Eugene, Everett and Fenner, who are engaged in the trap fishing and tug boat business at Block Island.

His brother, Martin V. Ball, is the purser of steamer Danielson.



WAS COL. MOSBY'S SLAVE.

The Old Negro Who Looked After the Confederate Officer's Remains.

Aaron Burton, who was the slave of Col. Mosby, the guerrilla, during the civil war, is now 86 years old, and is living happily with one of his daughters at 157 Prince street, Brooklyn, says the New York Herald. Col. Mosby's mother got Aaron as a present from her father, and when the war began the colonel took him with him. His sole duty was to look after his master's horses.

"I raised Col. Mosby," the old man said, the other day. "I had served his father before him, and when little



AARON BURTON.
(Col. John Mosby's slave before and during the civil war.)

"Johnnie" came into this world it was a happy day for all the slaves on the Mosby farm. Little "Johnnie" was a bright boy, and I became much attached to him. He worked with the slaves on his father's farm. I was very happy on the farm, and I didn't want to go away to the war, but they said I must go to John, because he had said that he didn't want any other slave with him but me. So I went. I loved him, and was with him in all his battles.

"When the war was over, Col. John told me that I was free and could go and do as I pleased. I didn't want to go away from the Mosbys, but taking my family. I left the farm and earned my own living in towns and cities about Virginia, getting much help from Col. Mosby.

"He is a good man, and was a great fighter. He felt powerful bad when the north won the fight, but he didn't say much. The last time I saw him was about ten years ago. I send him a check every once in awhile, and the last letter I got from him said: 'You were always faithful to me, and I shall always remember you for it. I hope you are comfortable in your old age.'"

READ THE DEATH WARRANT.

Col. Black Afterward Met the Soldier Who Witnessed His Own Execution.

"Speaking of reminiscences," said the grizzled veteran at a Memorial day twilight gathering, "I'll never forget the strange coincidence that happened at the Russell house about 13 years ago. Secretary Starkey, of the water board, who was a capital story teller, was regaling some of his old comrades with war reminiscences at the Russell house," says the Detroit Free Press.

"While in the Mexican war," said he, "I saw a great many strange things. I remember one when I was among the boys doing police guard duty in the City of Mexico. Some poor devil who had been convicted of a capital offense was confined in a strong cell within the walls of the Montezumas, when one of our lieutenants went to read the death sentence. I was ordered with him. The cell was opened at his order, and the officer grimly read the fatal finding of the court. I have never forgotten the closing words: 'And the sentence of this court is that you be hung by the neck until you are dead, dead, dead!'"

"The victim of this judicial finding did not comprehend it and said so in Spanish. 'It means that you are to be hung until you are dead—you,' emphatically explained Lieut. Black, who had read the sentence, and he clasped his hands about the fellow's neck to assist his understanding. The profanity and the pantomime were essential, for they were forms of language the Mexican could take in without an interpreter. I've often wondered what became of Black."

During the recital of the story a tall man of military bearing and whitening hair became visibly agitated. He seemed to be resisting an impulse to interrupt the yarn, and at its close he said:

"That's a story I haven't heard in 40 years, and every word of it's true. Whose yarn, anyhow?"

"The speaker, who was then Col. Black, in command at Fort Wayne, proved to be the lieutenant that had read the death sentence to the Mexican prisoner, while Private Starkey stood by, more than 40 years ago."

Fortunately.
Census Man—Are you married?
Happy Dad—You bet!
"Have you a family?"
"Yes, siree! And, say! It's awful lucky you came to-day instead of yesterday!"
"Eh! Why?"
"Cause I hadn't say yesterday!"—Puck.

Obeying Orders.

Kind Lady. "Ah, if you had only done what your mother told you, you might not be in this situation."
Convict. "I don't know. She told me to go out into the world and make money."

A GREAT FORAGER.

One of Sherman's Men Who Was a Wonder as a Provider of Provisions.

"I have a friend," said the captain, in the Chicago Inter Ocean, who lost confidence in Sherman, on the march from Raleigh to Washington. In the march to the sea and back, his long march before the Sherman encouraged foraging. In the march southward from Atlanta, Sherman's men secured the country on either side of the line of march, securing everything that could support man or beast. Strict orders were given as to the conduct of foragers toward the people, but they were encouraged to carry off all provisions and forage and to destroy whatever would support the enemy.

"Foraging under the circumstances became a part of the soldier's trade, and Sherman's men were experts. Among them all no one stood higher than my friend Joe. He succeeded beyond any other man in our regiment, and he often went 15 or 20 miles from the line of march, bringing in horses and wagons loaded with flour or meat or hay or corn, to say nothing of chickens and pigs. He had many adventures and rare escapes, and became a sort of hero in the command. Certainly he was very proud of his work, and was complimented for his successful raids by the officers."

"After the surrender of Lee and Johnston, when Sherman's army marched from Raleigh toward Washington, there was a change in the programme that disgusted all of the bummers and foragers. The order was that there should be no straggling from the ranks, no foraging whatever, that no soldier should even go inside the gate of a front yard or back yard, that no soldier should confiscate a chicken or turkey or shoot a hog. It was explained that as the war had ended we were no longer in an enemy's country, and were to act accordingly. So strict were the rules that a man was not even permitted to enter a yard to get a drink of water."

"There never was probably better discipline maintained upon any march than prevailed on that march from Raleigh to Richmond, and from Richmond to Washington. We had everything that soldiers needed in the way of clothing and supplies, and if we wanted extras we were compelled to pay for them. The men who had been in the habit of roaming the country at will and taking chickens and tur-



BRINGING IN CHICKENS AND PIGS.

keys wherever they found them were in dismay. Joe confided to me that the restraint was killing him. He would look longingly at the chickens running about in a yard, would start to leave the ranks whenever he heard a hog's grunt, and was nearly wild when he saw cattle and horses in pastures and no soldier driving them off. He even considered it disgraceful to pay the negroes for butter and chickens, although he had plenty of money. He went into Washington a depressed man, but when he saw the whole army on parade he rallied enough to admit that he might in a hundred years forgive Uncle Billy."

LOYAL TO TWO FLAGS.

Why a Connecticut Daughter Has Old Glory and a Confederate Banner Entwined.

A Connecticut Daughter of the American Revolution who recently entertained showed her guests two flags—Old Glory and a Confederate banner, says the Chicago Tribune. "I have been asked," she said, "why I have not returned the confederate flag in accordance with a sentiment favoring such things. I will tell you. I am a southern woman. My husband is a northern man. There was a union officer in the civil war who was in Mobile after its evacuation by the confederates after Farragut's victory in the bay. My father was an invalid at the time, and I remained to nurse him. The Connecticut officer visited my father's house to assure us that we would not be molested if we desired to remain. A confederate flag which I had made for a company of our boys hung on the wall. The Connecticut officer gallantly informed me that it must be removed, and I rebelliously informed him that it would remain. He took it in spite of my protest. He did offer to let me keep it out of sight, which I refused to do. He carried it away with him. My father recovered, and about six years later went to New York to live, and this Connecticut officer met him in business. I suppose you think I married him. I didn't. But he fell desperately in love with another southern girl who was my friend, and when she told me of his proposal I told her of the flag incident, and she made him return it with an apology, and then I consented to be her bridesmaid. I married her brother-in-law, and he had the union flag which his brother had at Mobile. Do you wonder that I am loyal to both and that I have them entwined?"

Some Young Illinois Governors.

There have been some young governors in Illinois. Ninian Edwards, executive when it was a territory, was only 34 when appointed; Gov. Coles was only 26 when installed; Gov. French was only 33 and Gov. Hamilton was 35.

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HEATH WILL RETURN.

First Assistant Postmaster General to Be Secretary of National Republican Committee.

Perry S. Heath, now first assistant postmaster general, will soon announce his retirement from that position. He has decided to give his entire time and attention to the work of the campaign. He will accept the post of secretary of the republican national committee as successor to Congressman Bick, who will manage the campaign in Ohio. Mr. Heath is considered an excellent man for the position. He began his career as a printer, rose to be an editor and founded the first daily paper published



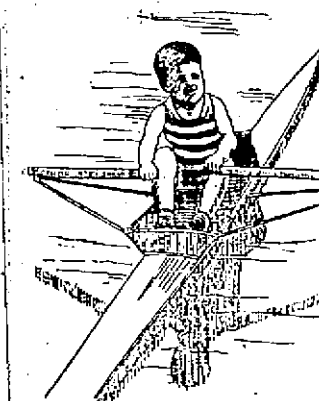
PERRY S. HEATH.
(The New Secretary of the National Republican Committee.)

In his native city of Muncie, Ind. In 1881 Mr. Heath went to South Dakota, but soon returned to the east, coming to the capital as a correspondent. In 1895 he began to work in the interest of Maj. McKinley, with whom he had become intimately acquainted. He rendered good service to the movement before the nomination in St. Louis and worked vigorously for the interests of the republican side during the campaign. In his office of first assistant postmaster general Mr. Heath has been active and efficient. He has never repented himself when at work for the government, and the national committee will probably feel an accession of extraordinary energy when Mr. Heath gets the work well in hand. There has as yet been no intimation as to who will succeed Mr. Heath as first assistant postmaster general.

HANDLES OARS WELL.

James Hall, Mascot of the Harlem Rowing Club, Rows a Racing Shell of His Own.

A promising candidate for the diamond skulls at Henley some 15 years hence will probably be James Hall, of New York. Master Hall is now 10 years old and lives with his parents at 1933 Park avenue. He took to the water about two years ago and learned to row so well that his father, who is also an oarsman, bought him a racing shell of his own. The entire outfit, including Jimmy, weighs less than 75 pounds, but the speed of



MASTER JAMES HALL.
(The Boy Oarsman of the Harlem (N. Y.) Rowing Club.)

the little craft is said to be something remarkable. The shell is 21 feet long, 3 inches wide and weighs about 10 pounds. The skulls are only a foot shorter than the regulation man's size. Jimmy is the mascot of the Harlem Rowing club, of which he is a member. The picture, taken from the Little Chronicle, shows him ready to defend his title to the 10-year-old championship of America.

Told of Hannibal Hamlin. Speaking of vice presidents, here is an anecdote of the man who was Lincoln's first running mate: in Hannibal Hamlin's earlier days, at a certain caucus in Hampden, the only attendees were himself and a citizen of large stature. Mr. Hamlin had some resolutions to pass which began by representing that they were presented to a "large and respectable" gathering of voters. "Hold on," cried the other man, "we can't pass that, for it ain't true! It ain't a large and respectable caucus! There's only two of us." "You keep still, brother," commanded the wily Hannibal; "It's all right, for you are large and I am respectable. You just keep still." So the resolutions were passed without further demur. In the presence of a "large and respectable" gathering.

Respect for Dogs.

Rags. "Why don't you try that house? It looks prosperous."
Togs. "Guess you forgot the dog. Oh, no; I've too much respect for my trousers."

"Jones, do you think you will do as well in the coal business as you did in the ice?"
"Yes; in summer my prices made people hot, and in winter my bills will make their blood run cold."

ADDICKS OF DELAWARE.

A Character Study of a Famous Politician Who Would Rather Fight Than Eat.

No factor in national politics is closer to the public eye than J. Edward Addicks, of Delaware. The factional fight in the little state commands the attention of republicans everywhere. The battle of to-day is only one of a number covering a period of 11 years and costing over \$1,000,000. A character study of Mr. Addicks, taken from the Philadelphia Press, will interest almost everybody.

Born 1841, in Philadelphia; fair; brave; extremely optimistic; self-



J. EDWARD ADDICKS.
(One of the Unique Political Characters of the Period.)

reliant; independent; persevering; despises aristocracy; likes plain people; indefatigable; loves music. Orders a feast for his guest, pie and milk for himself; a judge of gems; wins at chess; expert at tennis; loyal to a fault; patriotic; would spend \$100 in a fight for 2 cents and a principle; a lightning calculator; makes a clever five-minute speech; great reader; would delay a \$1,000,000 deal to take a nap; owed \$250,000 in 1890; worth \$5,000,000 in 1890; doesn't smoke or drink; fancies that he is a farmer; rides a wheel; plays golf; drives like a fiend (four-in-hand); always carries big balances in banks, but very little cash in his pocket; democratic as to dress; buys waterproof shoes for all his friends; never sweats; fond of flowers; can't lie worth a cent; outspoken and truthful; entertains lavishly; weighs 185 pounds. That's Addicks.

WOULD BE PRESIDENT.

Joseph F. Malloney, Candidate of the De Leon Wing of the Socialist Labor Party.

The De Leon wing of the socialist labor party, not content with the Debs-Harriman ticket already nominated by the socialists, has decided to run candidates of its own. At the recent socialist labor convention in New York, Joseph F. Malloney, of Lynn, Mass., was nominated for president, and Valentine Remmel, of Pittsburg, Pa., for vice president. Mr. Malloney is a machinist



JOSEPH F. MALLONEY.
(Candidate of the Socialist Labor Party for President.)

by trade, and has been state organizer of the party in Massachusetts. Two years ago he was the socialist candidate for congress in the Seventh Massachusetts district. The New York People says of his nomination: "The presidency of the United States belongs of right to the working class, who must and shall some day take it. The working class can take it now by electing Joseph Malloney."

Total Cost of a Man.

According to a French newspaper a German surgeon, whose manservant lost both arms and legs and part of his face by the explosion of a shell, has calculated the cost of manufacturing an artificial man. A pair of arms, with hands, joints, etc., complete, would cost about \$150; a pair of legs, about \$140; a false nose in metal—indistinguishable from the real article—costs \$30 to \$100, and for \$110 a pair of ears, perfectly natural in appearance and furnished with artificial drums, can be produced. A complete set of teeth would cost \$40 to \$60, and a pair of glass eyes \$30. Thus the total cost of supplying deficiencies to a man who has lost all his limbs and the major portion of his face is \$309 to \$660.

A Big Field of Alfalfa.

Buffalo county, Nebraska, boasts the largest alfalfa field in the world. It is from one-half to two miles wide and eight miles or such a matter long. It yields three cuttings a season and the total yield per acre for the three cuttings averages close to eight tons.

Poor General Croyne! There he is at St. Helena with his friends, playing golf day after day, and nobody knows how he suffers.—The Citizen Observer, Dem.

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The Mercury.

JOHN P. KENNEDY, Editor and Manager.

Saturday, September 22, 1900.

"IF THERE IS ANY ONE WHO BELIEVES THE GOLD STANDARD IS A GOOD THING, OR THAT IT MUST BE MAINTAINED, WOULD HE NOT CAST HIS VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE I PROMISE HIM IT WILL NOT BE MAINTAINED IN THIS COUNTRY LONGER THAN I AM ABLE TO GET RID OF IT."—HON. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, KNOXVILLE, TENN., SEPT. 16, 1893.

The work on the new side walks has come to an end much sooner than was expected. Evidently there has been a miscalculation somewhere.

"Teddy" Roosevelt is to speak in Tremont Temple, Boston, on October 27th. He ought to be induced to come here on his way to or from Boston.

New York gave 268,469 majority for McKinley four years ago, and yet some people are foolish enough to talk about its being a doubtful state this year.

Words of McKinley:—"We are not there to establish an imperial government of liberty under law, protection to life and property, and opportunity to all who dwell there."

A car on the new East Greenwich branch of the suburban electric road from Providence tipped over Thursday in going around a curve and ten persons were injured. Several seriously.

The parties in this city are getting ready for the fall campaign. The Republicans expect to hold a mass meeting next Tuesday night and organize a McKinley & Roosevelt club and also a regiment for campaign papers.

"One thing that can be said of this nation, for which we should give all thanksgiving and praise, is that it never raised its arm against humanity, never struck a blow against liberty, never struck a blow except for civilization and mankind."—[Pres. McKinley.

It is said that Oliver H. P. Belmont is slated for the temporary nomination for Congress in the 13th N. Y. district. Belmont will doubtless make a good run, and as that district is one of the "sure" ones there is no doubt about his election.

The tax rate of most of the Massachusetts cities and towns is very much higher than it is in Newport. For instance in Boston it is \$14.70 on a \$1,000; Cambridge, \$16.00; Chelsea, \$18.40; Everett, \$10.70; Hyde Park, \$17.50; Lynn, \$18.00; Malden, \$16.70; Melrose, \$18.00; Quincy, \$18.20; Beverly, \$19.50; Salem, \$18.00; Waterdown, \$17.00; Woburn, \$17.50. In Newport the tax rate is \$11.

President Jackson said: "Never cede any land or boundary of the Republic, but always add to it thus extending Freedom." Up to the present time not a foot of territory of the United States has ever been surrendered. Bryan is the first and probably will be the last Presidential candidate to advocate such a measure. President Buchanan said: "Expansion is the future policy of our country and only towards fear and oppose it."

The Republican State Central Committee met in Providence Wednesday. Charles H. Howland, executive secretary for Governor Gregory, was elected secretary in place of Judge Warner, deceased. Resolutions were passed on the death of Senator Drown of Warren, Judge Warner of Coventry, and Thomas F. Harris of Smithfield, all of whom were members of the committee and have died since the last meeting. It was voted to call the electoral and congressional conventions on Thursday, Oct. 11, in Providence. While the necessity for an old fashioned campaign is not very apparent, yet the committee propose to be active and not let the election go by default. There will be campaign clubs organized in all the larger towns and probably regiments of torch bearers will be raised and put in working order soon.

Four years ago McKinley carried the following states: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, having 271 electoral votes. Bryan carried Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, with 176 votes. This year there will doubtless be some changes, but the result will not be much different. Kansas, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming will, without much doubt, come back to the Republican fold. That will add 21 votes to the McKinley column. Colorado and Nebraska are also good fighting ground for the Republicans. Many of the leading citizens of those States believe that they will cast their votes for McKinley. Of the States that went for McKinley four years ago there is not much doubt about any of these this time with the exception of Maryland and Kentucky, both of which he could lose and then have ample margin. Looking at the situation impartially the odds are a long ways in favor of the re-election of Pres. McKinley, and it does not appear to be a wild guess to place his total electoral vote at 291. We would suggest that our readers make a note of those figures and see how far we are out when the returns come in on the 8th day of November.

As Seen By His own Party.

A prominent banking firm of Baltimore, always heretofore of Democratic proclivities, writes as follows: "We know that general conditions are good, that the railroads are making money, crops are good with such prices ruling as assure good profits to the producers, money is easy and labor is generally well employed. There is naturally some hesitation about undertaking new enterprises and enlarging our industries with the shadow of Bryanism hanging, like the sword of Damocles, over our heads. Of course, the election of Bryan is a very remote possibility and altogether improbable, but the bare possibility of such a national misfortune is sufficient to stop the wheels of trade. However, we are still inclined to believe that before the election the public will be entirely satisfied of the re-election of President McKinley, and we expect the good effect to be felt in advance of the election. Mr. Bryan not only insisted up on the re-admission of the Chicago platform, but particularly that a positive declaration should be made in favor of free silver coinage and also that the ratio of 16 to 1 should be maintained. Now, Mr. Bryan is going around the country and saying as little as possible about silver, although he did let slip out at Zanesville, the other day: 'The position of the Democratic party on the money question has undergone a change.' It is too late for Mr. Bryan to try to dodge the silver question, especially as he has accepted the nomination of two parties and will accept that of another, all demanding the immediate free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1."

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Executive Committee—E. L. Whitcomb, Thomas F. Giddings and John Clinton Gray.
Mr. C. W. Wells Sherman was re-elected treasurer pro tem, during the absence in Europe of the treasurer, Mr. William H. Travers.

Tiverton.

The assessors have completed their work of valuation and computation of taxes; the tax books have been issued which show the valuation of personal property to be \$853,200; real estate, \$1,383,770; cottages standing on railroad company's land, \$7,500; total, \$2,244,470. The amount of tax assessed upon property, \$21,534.43; upon polls, \$279,000; rate of tax is \$8 per \$1000. Appended is a list of property owners who pay a tax of \$10 and upwards: Albert S. Almy's heirs, \$15.00; William C. Almy, \$68.32; Emerson F. Ash, \$50.20; Benjamin Barker, \$144; Elizabeth L. Barker, \$43; William S. Bateman (Newport), \$78; Benjamin C. Borden's heirs, \$116.80; Mary M. Borden's heirs, \$32; Thomas H. Borden's heirs, \$34.20; S. Gilman Bowen, \$79; Bonnie Mills and land, \$14.12; Edmund Bradley & wife, \$12.40; William J. Brittain, \$112; Adoniram Brown's heirs, \$49; Isaac Brown and wife, \$66.40; Jeremiah Brown, \$87.40; John F. Chase (Portsmouth), \$46.00; Abbie R. Church, \$50; Daniel T. Church and wife, \$50; Daniel T. Church, \$51.08; George L. Church, \$54.40; Isaac L. Church, \$182; Joseph Church and wife, \$72; Mary P. Church, \$60; Nathaniel H. Church, \$182.80; Louise R. Church, \$100; Abner Coggeshall and wife, \$37.20; Henry G. Douglas, \$10; Gideon H. Durfee and wife, \$85.60; Henry Durfee, \$53.60; Judith H. Durfee's heirs, \$112; Edward P. Francis and wife, \$39.20; William Gadsby, \$85; Benjamin Gardner's heirs, \$11; Sarah L. Gardner, \$69.09; Emma J. Gray, \$40.50; Ann Green, \$67.40; Thomas Greenhalgh, \$64; Thomas Hatfield estate, \$40.50; Charles A. Hambley, \$189.76; David W. Hartland and wife, \$56.40; Louise B. Haskell (New Bedford), \$104; Samuel W. Hathaway, \$167.20; Mary E. Healy, \$11; George H. Hicks and wife, \$11.20; John R. Hicks, \$127.68; Oliver H. P. Howard and wife, \$40; Benjamin Howland, \$56; Joseph D. Humphrey, \$66.20; Peleg D. Humphrey and wife, \$133.60; James H. Hurst, \$25.20; B. F. Macomber, of Abner, \$24.82; Andrew H. Manchester, \$65.00; Charles E. Manchester and wife, \$70.40; John E. Manchester, \$78.48; John E. Manchester, Jr., \$61; Harry McIntyre, \$53; Isaac and John Morin, \$51.72; Newport and Fall River Electric Railway Co., \$192; N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., \$180; Henry C. Osborn, \$78.20; Joseph V. Peckham, \$45.60; Caroline A. Potter, \$10.48; Charles H. Potter and children, \$72.00; Marion E. Potter, \$48; Arvilla Reynolds, \$19.00; Andrew Robinson's heirs, \$119.20; William R. Rose, \$91.20; Andrew Sawyer, guardian of William, \$44; Shove Mills Co., \$1,189.00; Amasa Simmons's heirs, \$73.20; Samuel P. Stewart and wife, \$41.60; Michael Tierney, \$48; U. S. Menhaden Oil and Guano Co., \$14; Austin Walker, \$52.80; Watuppa Reservoir Co., \$61; Mary D. West, \$48; Andrew P. White, \$48.60; Charles H. White, \$44.40; Isaac G. White, \$40.48; Thomas Whitridge heirs, \$40.50; Fernando A. Wilcox, \$59.20; Job Wordell, \$59.52; Robert M. Wyatt, \$56.00.

The members of Nonquit Grange met Wednesday evening at the Grange Hall, Tiverton. Four Corners. The attendance was good and included Deputy Plumb and Mrs. Plumb of Springfield Grange, Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Charles H. Potter opened the lecture's hour by calling upon Deputy Plumb to give an address, his subject, "Grange Work and its Advance in the State of Massachusetts," was listened to with interest. Readings and vocal solos formed part of a pleasing programme. The subject for the evening's discussion, "What is the Farmer's Duty in the maintenance of public highways, and should cities and villages contribute to the support of highways, leading thereto," was ably opened by Town Clerk A. Lincoln Hambley and Deputy Charles H. Potter. This subject was fraught with interest to all present and a lively discussion was continued for over an hour, the outcome of which was that good roads were a necessity for which the farmers and others were willing to pay. The latter part of the subject was considered out of the question.

Common Sense Talk with Women

If a person is ill and needs a medicine it is not wise to get one that has stood the test of time and has hundreds of thousands of cures to its credit.

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"Four years ago I had almost given up hope of ever being well again. I was afflicted with those dreadful headache spells which would sometimes last three or four days. Also had backache, bearing-down pains, leucorrhoea, dizziness, and terrible pains at monthly periods, confining me to my bed. After reading so many testimonials for your medicine, I concluded to try it. I began to pick up after taking the first bottle, and have continued to gain rapidly, and now feel like a different woman. I can recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the highest terms to all sick women."—Miss Rosa Holmes, 123 W. Cleveland Ave., Canton, O.

Two Letters which Prove that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Will Remove Tumor and Cure Other Female Weakness.

"Two years ago I was a great sufferer from womb trouble and profuse flowing each month, and tumors would form in the womb. I had four tumors in two years. I went through treatment with doctors, but they did me no good, and I thought I would have to resort to morphine.

The doctor said that all that could help me was to have an operation and have the womb removed, but I had heard of Mrs. Pinkham's medicine and decided to try it, and wrote for her advice, and after taking her Vegetable Compound the tumors were expelled and I began to get stronger right along, and am as well as ever before. Can truly say that I would never had gotten well had it not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound."—MARY A. STANT, Watertown, Pa.

"After following the directions given in your kind letter for the treatment of leucorrhoea, I can say that I have been entirely cured by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies, and will gladly recommend them to my friends."—A. B. DAVIS, Binghamton, N. Y.

Another Case of Womb, Kidney and Bladder Trouble Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR FRIEND—Two years ago I had child-bed fever and womb trouble in its worst form. For eight months after birth of babe I was not able to sit up. I had bearing-down pains, burning in stomach, kidney and bladder trouble and my back was stiff and sore, the right ovary was badly affected and everything I ate distressed me, and there was a bad discharge.

"I was confined to my bed when I wrote to you for advice and followed your directions faithfully, taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, Liver Pills and using the Wash, and am now able to do the most of my housework. I believe I should have died if it had not been for your Compound. I hope this letter may be the result of benefiting some other suffering woman. I recommend your Compound to every one."—MRS. MARY VACORN, Trimble, Polaski Co., Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Jouvett returned to their home in this city Monday. They have been enjoying a two weeks' visit with their daughter, Mrs. George W. Hawley in Bridgewater, Mass.

The battleships New York, Kearsarge, Indiana, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Texas and the torpedo boat Scorpion sailed from Portsmouth at 9 o'clock Thursday forenoon and arrived in Newport harbor Friday morning.

Washington Matters.

Conger Advises that Pekin be Held—The Quartermaster's Department of the Army Denies Charges of Exaggeration—Leary's Work at Guam—The Effect of the Coal Strike on the Election—Other Items of Interest.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17, 1900.

Minister Conger reports the situation unchanged in Pekin. That is as much of his latest dispatch as has been given out. There are reasons, however, for the belief that he strongly advises against any immediate withdrawal of American troops from China, and gives good reasons for the advice. Although there are numerous rumors of contemplated action by the powers either as an alliance or in sections, no real move is expected by this government until after Li Hung Chang arrives in Pekin. Then it is probable that the powers will indicate what they intend doing. In fact, it will be absolutely necessary that they shall, as the demands of the powers will be the only basis upon which negotiations with the Chinese can be started. The hope that the powers would all unite in those demands is less strong than it was, although it has not been entirely abandoned.

Quartermaster General Ludington has made a detailed statement showing conclusively that the charges of extravagance in connection with the war with Spain, made by a clerk discharged for cause, "habitual drunkenness," have no foundation whatever. Gen. Ludington says: "The records show that every dollar expended by the Quartermaster's department during the war with Spain, was judiciously and economically and honestly disbursed. The records are open to Congress, and Gen. Ludington will welcome the most rigid examination thereof."

Mr. David Finelman, of Montana, who is visiting Washington, said of political conditions in his state: "There is a great surprise in store for the democrats in Montana. The free silver spirit is not so strong in the state as it was four years ago. People have begun to reason with themselves and have changed their views on the subject. I would not be at all astonished to see Montana go Republican. The democrats are weak because they have so much trouble in their own ranks. The Clark-Dally friction keeps the party in hot water all the time, and the republicans are taking advantage of the friction. The silver republicans are dropping back into the ranks of the G. O. P. again."

In view of the many criticisms of Captain Richard P. Leary, who was the first naval governor of the Island of Guam, the following official communication from Commander Sexton Schroeder, who succeeded Capt. Leary as Governor of the Island, received by the Navy Department, will be read with interest: "I consider it my duty to state that before assuming this command, I had the opportunity of devoting several days to a study of the conditions prevailing in the island and at this station, and I am much impressed by the extent and excellence of the work that has been done in evolving order from chaos. I consider myself extremely fortunate to be the successor of an officer whose administration has been so good and characterized by such good judgment, and whose untiring work has produced such excellent results."

There is no doubt that the big and strike in Pennsylvania is the result of Bryanite scheming. They know that a tax upon the prosperity of the country offers the only possible hope for the success of Bryanism, and having already become plain that the imperialism boggy has fallen flat everywhere. It will not be surprising if there are some very sensational disclosures concerning the schemes which have been and are still being manipulated to bring about strikes and other labor troubles, because of the belief of the manipulators that they will make votes for Bryan and Bryanism, before the campaign closes. The work has been secretly and very cunningly done, but not so secretly and cunningly that convincing proof may not be secured and made public. The politicians who incite strikes and labor troubles are playing with fire, and some big Bryanites may find that out before long.

Representative Salloway, of New Hampshire, is in Washington. He said of the political situation: "McKinley and Roosevelt will carry every New England and Middle state. The democrats claim to be well satisfied with the results of the recent elections in Maine and Vermont, but every public man acquainted with the conditions in those states knows that the republicans scored a tremendous victory. It is claimed that the percentage gained for democracy in Maine and Vermont, if repeated in other states, will elect Bryan. People do not understand that the republican majority in those two states was greater than at any time in the history of the country, except in 1896. The reason for the great majority of that year was that the democrats were without organization, and in many instances were completely demoralized. They failed to vote, and the republicans consequently carried all the New England states by increased majorities. The sound business interests of the country will never support a man with the anarchistic tendencies of the democratic nominee. Labor also realizes that its interests are best protected and advanced by the sound business principles advocated and cherished by the republican party."

Weather Bulletin.

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St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 22.—Last bulletin gave forecasts of cool wave to cross continent 25 to 30.

The next storm wave will not cause any great change in the weather. It will reach Pacific coast about 29, cross west of Rockies by close of 30, great central valleys October 1 to 3, eastern states 4.

Warm wave will cross west of Rockies about 29, great central valleys October 1, eastern states October 3. Cool wave will cross west of Rockies about October 5, great central valleys 6, eastern states 7.

During first week in October the weather will be of no great importance. The principal weather event will occur in the hot wave and cold wave of last days of September. These will move rapidly from west to east across the continent and were otherwise described in last bulletin.

The sowing of fall wheat is now engaging attention of farmers. As the coming winter will bring many spells of warm weather and as the fly will be a dangerous enemy to next year's wheat in some places at least it is advisable to sow wheat late this fall. It is not practical for me to advise

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farmers in a newspaper article to sow or not to sow winter wheat. Next year's crop weather will be so common that, more than usual, the locality and the soil must determine the advisability of risking wheat crop.

I expect the coming winter to average warmer than usual, but the sudden cold waves and frequent changes will make it a hard winter on stock not sheltered.

Our Issues.

It must seem like madhouse politics to intelligence foreign observers. By our recent achievements in war, diplomacy and commerce, we have taught them to respect and admire our ability and capacity for new and great development. Yet here we are all agog over this miserable silver business, a thing that ought to be as dead here, as royal prerogative in England, much deader than Bourbonism in France, and as far beyond resurrection as the holy Roman empire. And by the same occasion, a large part of our people clamor for a policy of scuttling out of obligations of honor and duty and the spurning of all national aspirations born since 1789.

The ringing of the bells at 6 o'clock was discontinued on Thursday, September 20th.

Real Estate Sales and Rentals.

Simon Hazard has rented for Mr. John DeBols the upper half of his house, No. 9 Furwell street, to Mr. Walter C. Corson.

Simon Hazard has rented to Robert Bloomfield, the lower half of house No. 22 Walnut street, for Mrs. Benj. Hazard.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented for Robert W. Curry, the unfurnished house, known as the "Shore Cottage," corner of Washington and Elm streets, to Mrs. Matilda V. Mayer.

A. O'D. Taylor, Jr., as Trustee, has transferred by direct deed from Daniel B. Flits the property on the corner of Fair and Thummesstreets, to Jacob Alton Barker. This makes Mr. Barker the owner of the block where his meat market has been for many years.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented for Frederick M. Tompkins the house at No. 12 Redwood street, hitherto occupied by Odell, to Miss Harriet Robinson Duer.

Klondike Does Not Touch It.

"That we are all looking for bargains or cinches goes without saying, for that is a 'Yankee' trait, so that the announcement that there is to be a \$5,000 excursion to New York City from Worcester on September 17th via the Fitchburg Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad and Hudson River Line Steamers to New York City, returning via Providence Line to Providence and thence to Worcester, will no doubt please hundreds of New Yorkers who are anxious to make the journey. The trip to Troy is one of the most beautiful imaginable, and on every side are delightful scenes pleasing to the extreme. Of the trip down the Hudson River, it is too famous to need elaboration. The City of New York is always interesting, for there is nothing under the sun that cannot be found there. The Providence Line, like other Sound Lines on its outward trip, passes all of the leading points of interest in the harbor, so that the whole trip from beginning to end will be one of enjoyment. Special train leaves Worcester at 8:10 a. m., arriving in Albany at 8:40 p. m. You can take the night boat from Albany at 8:00 p. m., arriving in New York at 6:00 a. m. or by taking the morning boat from Albany you will reach New York at 6:00 p. m. the same night. You can get your tickets at City Ticket Office, 306 Main street, Worcester, or at Union Station Ticket Office.

A Suggestion.

Cholly (11.30 p. m.)—"Yith, there are theval world that it it hupbottle for me to pronounth."

Molly—"Can't you say 'good night?'"

Oldest Pack of Cards.

It is claimed that the oldest pack of cards in the United States is one that was found not long ago in a closet in a very old New Jersey home. The cards are of English make, and evidently of the time of Charles the First.

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23 Sept	5 45.6	5 14.5	2 17.2	2 17.2	2 17.2	2 17.2	2 17.2	2 17.2	2 17.2
24 Sept	5 43.7	5 17.6	2 17.0	2 17.0	2 17.0	2 17.0	2 17.0	2 17.0	2 17.0
25 Sept	5 41.8	5 20.7	2 16.8	2 16.8	2 16.8	2 16.8	2 16.8	2 16.8	2 16.8
26 Sept	5 39.9	5 23.8	2 16.6	2 16.6	2 16.6	2 16.6	2 16.6	2 16.6	2 16.6
27 Sept	5 38.0	5 26.9	2 16.4	2 16.4	2 16.4	2 16.4	2 16.4	2 16.4	2 16.4
28 Sept	5 36.1	5 30.0	2 16.2	2 16.2	2 16.2	2 16.2	2 16.2	2 16.2	2 16.2

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Marriages.

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, at All Saints' chapel, by Rev. Henry Morgan Stone, assisted by Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Grace church, New York, Rev. N. B. Gullway to Mary Newbold, daughter of the late William Edgar, of New York.

In this city, 19th inst., by Rev. E. H. Porter, William John Montell to Annie Nancy Mullins, both of this city.

Deaths.

In this city, 19th inst., Sarah Hagley, aged 9 years.

In this city, Sept. 16, Jane K., daughter of William C. and Jane Kerr, aged 2 months, 12 days.

In this city, Sept. 15, Philip Edward, son of John W. and Mary Gooley, aged 1 year and 4 months.

In this city, Sept. 16, Sebastian Frederic, infant son of Bonito and Hilda Taurino.

In this city, Sept. 17, Caroline Topham, daughter of the late John and the late Elizabeth Peabody.

In this city, 19th inst., Caroline Lovett, aged 6 years.

In Providence, 19th inst., Concorder, son of Theodore and Yanny S. Roxton, aged 3 years and 7 months.

In Portsmouth, 18th inst., Ellen, widow of Jacob Chase, aged 57 years, 8 months, and 15 days.

In Providence, 19th inst., George Cooper, 65, at the Home for

HAD TRYING EXPERIENCE.

Eighteen Men of the Maggie Sullivan Picked Up and Brought to Port.

Boston, Sept. 21.—The 18 men of the Boston fishing schooner Maggie Sullivan, who were supposed to have been lost on the fishing grounds, were brought here on the fishing schooner Julia Costa, and released their vessel.

The men had a trying experience before they were taken aboard the Costa. After the dense fog, which shut them in on Monday, they towed about aimlessly for several hours, and when it cleared their vessel was nowhere to be seen. Early the next morning the Costa was sighted, and the nine dories headed in her direction. The men were at the oars for several hours before they got alongside, and were nearly exhausted when taken aboard.

Dog Bar's Twelfth Wreck.

Gloucester, Mass., Sept. 21.—In a thick mist in a rough sea, the three-masted schooner Ellenora Van Dusen of Sommers Point, N. J., went ashore at 9 o'clock last night on the jagged rocks in the outer edge of Dog Bar breakwater. For an hour and a half the crew blew the horn and burned a light. At the expiration of that time the vessel being gradually striking. Captain Godfrey and his crew of six men put off in a small boat. After much difficulty, the party landed on Payllion beach. They had saved nothing but what they had on. The Van Dusen, which was valued at \$3000, had a cargo of paving stones and rock granite, valued at \$1075. This makes the 27th schooner to strike on the Dog Bar breakwater since the work was commenced there, 2½ years ago.

Totals of Thirty Vessels.

St. John's, Sept. 20.—Forty-two fishing vessels are ashore in the straits of Belle Isle, and as many as 30 will be totally lost. This is in addition to the disasters previously reported. Shipwrecked crews, aggregating 79 persons, have been brought south by the mail steamer, and a special steamer will go for the others. Immense stocks of codfish have been lost with the shipping.

Four Fishermen Drowned.

Boston, Sept. 21.—Fishing schooner Mary A. Whalen of this port reached here with her flag at half-mast, four of her men having perished in the furious gale which battered shipping off Cape Cod Tuesday last. The men lost were: Michael Ponder, John Burns, Charles Johnson and Michael Foley, all of Boston.

Forty Perished in Steamer Wreck.

London, Sept. 21.—A dispatch from Athens, giving further details of the disaster to the Egyptian mail steamer Charikie, now ashore on the island of Andros, says that 40 of the passengers and crew were drowned.

Collision and Loss of Twenty Lives.

Liverpool, Sept. 19.—The British steamer Gordon Castle and the German steamer Stormarn collided in Cardigan bay Sunday night, and both vessels sank. Twenty persons on board the Gordon Castle were lost.

Relief Vessel Lost.

Halifax, Sept. 19.—The Lily of the North, which left Halifax last month with supplies for the Peary Arctic expedition, is lost. No particulars, except crew saved.

Parade, Reception and Ball.

Fortsmouth, N. H., Sept. 20.—New Hampshire's Keamsarge-Alabama celebration practically closed yesterday in this city, with a grand naval and military pageant, a reception to the governors of Alabama and New Hampshire on board the warships New York and Keamsarge, and a grand state ball last evening at the Hotel Wentworth. The day was most delightful, and the southern guests enjoyed themselves hugely.

Reardon's Alleged Assault Captured.

Boston, Sept. 20.—Chief Inspector Watts has received a telegram from Inspector Kelley of Rochester stating that the man under arrest there, who gave the name of George Ferguson, had been identified as the man who stabbed John Reardon in this city. Ferguson denies that he stabbed Reardon. There is reason to believe that Reardon will recover.

Missionaries Will Not Be Hated.

New York, Sept. 21.—A conference was held yesterday at the headquarters of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions regarding the present situation in China. It was unanimously agreed that there was no ground for disengagement over the missionary outlook in China, and that there should be no general recall of missionaries.

Stone Throwing at Lowell.

Lowell, Mass., Sept. 20.—There is no change in the situation at the Merrimack and Hamilton mills, where the print workers are on strike. There was another small-sized riot when the Greeks who took the places of the strikers left the mills last night under escort of police officers. Many stones were thrown. Two arrests were made.

Lowell Case Settled.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 21.—The Reading Iron company, employing 2500 men, last night announced a reduction of wages ranging from 6 to 25 percent, to be effective Oct. 1. Pledges are to receive \$3 instead of \$1 per ton.

A SEVERE MESSAGE.

To Be Made of on Monday to certify the Chinese question.

Washington, Sept. 21.—The status of the Chinese situation at the close of Thursday, according to the official report, was as follows:

There are now before the department of state a number of notes and answers. These include the German note concerning the suspension of Chinese rights; the original Russian proposition for the withdrawal of troops from Manchuria; a note from the Russian government asking for the purpose of this government, and a request by France, China that it should be sent to the Chinese Congress to proceed with peace negotiations at once. In addition there is a verbal inquiry from the French government as to the program of the United States.

These various communications have accumulated slowly and an understanding has now been reached by the administration that there shall be a general clearance of the subject. This may be expected either late today or early tomorrow. It will clearly enunciate the program of the United States on the various questions presented.

There will be separate notes, according to the character of the communications, addressed to this government; that is, the recent German note will be answered by a note and the memorandum of inquiry from Russia will be answered by a memorandum, while the French verbal inquiry will receive a verbal response.

As to the contents of these several communications the authorities are not willing to give any positive intimations, though as far as the German note is concerned the belief is almost general here that the response of our government will amount to a declaration to make the surrender of the offending Chinese a condition precedent to negotiations of any kind. Concerning the Russian proposition for withdrawal, it is stated officially that it stands the same as first presented, there having been no modifications whatever on the part of Russia up to the present time.

Five Thousand Slain in Cold Blood.

London, Sept. 21.—Authentic accounts have been received here, says the Moscow correspondent of The Standard, of a horrible massacre at Blagovestchensk, which was undoubtedly carried out under the direct orders from the Russian authorities, and which then let loose the tide of slaughter through Amur. The entire Chinese population of 5000 souls were escorted out of town to a spot five miles up the Amur and then, being led in batches of a few hundred to the river bank, was ordered to cross over to the Chinese side. No boats were provided, and the river is a mile wide. The Chinese were flung alive into the stream and were stabbed or shot at the least resistance, while Russian volunteers, who lined the bank, clubbed or shot any who attempted to land. Not one escaped alive. The river bank for miles was strewn with corpses.

Allies Said to Have Lost Heavily.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—A dispatch received from Taku says the Pei-Tang forts have been captured by the allies. The bombardment was brisk and the report states that the allies suffered heavy losses, the Chinese fire being heavy and well directed.

Many Deaths Outside Garrison.

Galveston, Sept. 21.—A list of dead at other places than Galveston totals 254. The list gives the following figures: Arcadia, 1; Alvin, 13; Alta Loma, 2; Arcola, 9; Angleton, 5; near Brazoria (convicts), 15; Brookshire, 2; Columbia, 13; Dickinson, 9; Fairbanks, 1; Hitchcock, 47; League City, 1; Lamarque, 2; Littlefield, 1; Liverpool, 1; Morgan's Point, 2; Patton, 32; Richmond, 15; Rosenberg, 10; Sandy Point, 8; Seabrook, 10; Virginia Point, 13 (with 1 missing); Victoria, 7.

Americans Are Being Bombarded.

Manila, Sept. 21.—A corrected list of the casualties sustained by the American soldiers Monday last in the engagement at Shillan between a force of 1600 Filipinos and detachments of the Fifteenth and Thirty-seventh United States infantry regiments shows that 21 Americans are dead and missing, and that 19 are wounded. The total number of Americans engaged is announced as 121. The enemy's casualties have not been reported.

Women Men Missing.

Boston, Sept. 19.—Circulars were sent out yesterday from the office of the superintendent of police asking the departments in all the large cities throughout the country for information regarding Dr. George A. Warren, a dentist, who is missing from his home in Newton. Warren is 35 years old. Friends believe his absence is due to being temporarily mentally unbalanced.

Longer Flurry in Cotton.

New York, Sept. 21.—The cotton market was excited pretty much all through yesterday's session, with prices tumbling around at much the same sensational rate as during the great bull movement of two weeks ago. The close was barely steady at a net decline of 25 to 26 points. The day's transactions were conservatively estimated at \$30,000 bales.

MAY BE A CLASH. TWO MASKED MEN

Sheriffs Keeping a Watchful Eye on the Situation.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 21.—Somewhat vague reports are coming in of preparations on the part of the sheriffs and coal companies for a possible clash with the reckless element among the strikers. Nearly everybody believes that the trouble must come, yet there has been no sign of an outbreak, and the men appear to be well handled by their leaders.

There is no denying the fact that the inhabitants of this region fear trouble. There are very few persons who do not believe that there will be an outbreak somewhere in the region. Most, if not all, of the coal mines, are being protected by extra watchmen. Rumors are afloat that the sheriffs of Luzerne and Schuylkill and Carbon counties, which counties join one another at a point two miles south of here, are swearing in deputies by the score. None of these rumors can be confirmed. When the sheriffs are approached on the subject they say there is no trouble, and that they are not looking for any. Certain it is, however, that those officers are keeping a watchful eye on the situation, and they can be quickly found if their presence is needed anywhere.

Number 40 shaft of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, east of this city, was the centre of numerous petty acts of violence during yesterday. Before 6 o'clock in the morning, a few Hungarian women wanted to whip three coal and iron policemen for persuading breaker boys to go to work. The police, however, managed to get out of their difficulty without a fight. Shortly after that a mine worker says he was shot at by an unknown person, but not hit, while on his way to the shaft. Later in the day an Italian was badly clubbed. Last night two of the mine workers, on their way home from the shaft, were also attacked and badly beaten. Aside from these incidents, quiet prevailed throughout the region. The striking mine workers say they are doing their best to prevent disturbances.

No overtures have been advanced by either side, and there is at present no indication that any will be put forth soon. The strike officials are still at work getting the men out, and say they will not cease their activity in that respect until every corporation in the anthracite region is tied up. The operators, though badly crippled, are as confident of success as they have heretofore been.

The production of coal in the Hazleton region is growing smaller with each succeeding day. One of the best proofs of this is the report of the superintendent of the Hazleton division of the Lehigh Valley railroad, which handles the coal from all but six collieries in this region. This report shows that the shipments have fallen off to less than two-thirds of the normal quantity during the past four days.

Strikers Won't Make Concessions.

Lowell, Mass., Sept. 21.—Practically the entire police force of the city was called out last evening to protect the Greeks who have taken the places of the striking print workers at the Merrimack mills. Only the presence of the large force of police prevented serious trouble. The strikers voted last night not to make any concessions, but to continue the strike.

Loomfixers Deleted.

Pawtucket, R. I., Sept. 17.—The strike of the loomfixers at the mill of the Manville Manufacturing company, because of the alleged favoritism in the hiring of loomfixers, has practically been broken, and the men are returning to work. The company states that 1000 employees will not be given employment under any circumstances. The strikers have been ordered out of the tenements of the company.

Labor Men Gave a Point.

Fall River, Mass., Sept. 18.—Eight hours a day has been made the legal work day upon all work performed for the city, the decision of the city officials having been brought about by request from the Central Labor union. This decision of the government settles the dispute over the interpretation to be given the law by contractors accepting public work.

Nine Hundred Out of Employment.

Somersworth, N. H., Sept. 18.—Five hundred more looms in the mills of the Great Falls Manufacturing company were stopped Monday. This makes a total of 1500 looms now idle. Nine hundred people are out of employment, owing to this partial shut-down, which is stated to be due to the high price of cotton and the scarcity of water power.

Numerous Public Bequests.

Torrington, Conn., Sept. 20.—The will of the late Elsie Turner provides for the following bequests: Torrington Library association, \$100.00; Calvary Baptist church, Torrington, \$500; First Baptist society, New London, \$500; Third Congregational church, Torrington, \$1000; Y. M. C. A., Torrington, \$1000; New London County Historical society, New London, \$500; Connecticut Children's Aid society, Hartford, \$500; Congregational Home Missionary society of Connecticut, \$500.

For Cruelty to Animals.

Pawtucket, R. I., Sept. 20.—Thomas Shea, a farmer of Lisbon, N. H., pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 for cruelty to animals. Shea had in his charge a carload of sheep and cattle, and left the animals in a car more than 30 hours without removing them. The law places 28 hours as the limit.

His Own Executioner.

Pawtucket, R. I., Sept. 20.—George L. Wright, 47 years old, was found dead in one of his father's hayfields. The body rested close to a tree, from which was suspended a piece of rope. About the neck of Wright was another piece of rope. He had been missing since Sept. 9.

Firebug Gets Five Years and a Month.

Lawrence, Mass., Sept. 20.—Eugene Hamel of Methuen, charged with malicious burning in setting fire to a barn in that town, was found guilty and sentenced to five years and one month in the Concord reformatory.

Captain Shared His Story.

Gloucester, Mass., Sept. 11.—Schooner Georgia Campbell, from a fresh harbor trip, reports going to St. Lawrence, N. F., to secure bait, and found the natives in a destitute condition. Food was scarce and many families were suffering. Captain Colson supplied several destitute families with provisions, coal and wood.

Bound, Gagged and Outraged a Young Woman.

Other News of Interest From Various Parts of New England States.

Gardner, Mass., Sept. 21.—In a lonely house on the road from Ashburnham to Ashby two masked men bound, gagged and then outraged, early Thursday morning, Miss Eva J. Baker. Her aged father, E. B. Baker, lay in an adjoining apartment, incapacitated by the palsy from doing anything to save his daughter and his valuables. Mr. Baker and Miss Baker were the only occupants of the house. The burglars remained there for two hours, searching for money and articles of value. A third man stood outside to guard the place and to give the alarm if such a thing were needed.

The entrance to the Baker house was affected by breaking one of the windows in the rear. The hour was 2 o'clock in the morning, and this fact, together with the circumstance that the homestead is 2½ miles outside of Ashburnham, insured for the desperadoes the probability that they would not be interrupted in their work.

The first knowledge Mrs. Baker had of the presence of a party was when she awakened to find them standing beside her bed. Both wore masks, and one of them carried a revolver. They had lighted a lamp which stood in a bureau. The woman uttered a cry of alarm, but was not allowed to make any further demonstration. She was immediately seized by the ruffians, who placed a gag in her mouth and then bound her hands and feet. Next they visited the bedroom of Mr. Baker, but he was so ill and helpless that they paid no further attention to him.

A careful examination of the whole premises now in the hands of the police revealed to the extent of \$100 in bills, \$11 in gold, and a gold chain, a gold watch and a locket. It was 4 o'clock when the pair left the house, but before they did so they committed an assault upon the helpless young woman.

An hour or two later Miss Baker succeeded in freeing herself from her bonds and, with difficulty, visited the house of a neighbor to give the alarm. The police of the surrounding towns were notified of the affair and a search for the burglars was at once instituted. During the day three men passed in a saloon in Fitchburg, but before they could be arrested they got away in a buggy.

Shortly after 6 o'clock last night Thomas Sullivan, Nicholas King and a man named Foley were arrested here in consequence of an alleged attempt of the first named to sell a watch. Sullivan is 29 years old, and the other two about 25. The police say that the men dropped almost all of the articles stolen from the Baker house on their way to headquarters. Late last night the trio were removed to Fitchburg by Deputy Sheriff McFarquhar of Ashburnham, and they will be arraigned in that city. Miss Baker, it is understood, is very ill.

Price of Cotton Is Too High.

Fall River, Mass., Sept. 21.—The announcement by the Stevens Manufacturing company, a corporation making goods requiring the best staple cotton, that it will curtail production for two weeks, is an indication that this mill is short of cotton, and does not care to buy at the prevailing rates. About 275 hands are affected by the curtailment order.

Oil Stove Explosion Caused Death.

Pawtucket, R. I., Sept. 21.—Mrs. Henri J. Audette, aged 71 years, was terribly burned at her home last night and died a few hours later, after suffering intense agony. An oil stove that had been placed in the oven of a cooking stove exploded and the flames communicated with Mrs. Audette's clothing.

Shortage in Postoffice Funds.

Newton, Mass., Sept. 21.—Chief Clerk Edward Billings of the Newton Upper Falls postoffice has not been seen here since Wednesday night. The postoffice under his care did not open as usual Thursday morning, and postoffice inspectors found a shortage of about \$1600.

Countrymen Lost Their Horses.

Gardiner, Me., Sept. 21.—State Agent Purrrington of the Cruelty to Animals association visited the fair grounds at Windsor and seized six horses from countrymen visiting the fair. Judge Goodspeed ordered the horses shot. The affair created much excitement.

Welsh Rail Bails Elmer's Prisoner.

New Haven, Sept. 21.—Jimmy Michael made his initial appearance in New Haven last night in a 15-mile motor-paced race against Arthur Ross, of Newark, N. J., riding partner of Harry Elkes. Michael won by one mile and one lap and broke the track record.

Willoughby Lost Success.

Exeter, N. H., Sept. 21.—Nathan A. Wright, aged 28, was found hanging from a tree in the woods on the outskirts of the town. He had possessed considerable property, but had lost all by speculation. Since his wife died he had been very melancholy.

His Sight Destroyed.

Pearl, Vt., Sept. 21.—Phillip Fracassa, foreman of a gang of Italians employed on the Rutland railway extension, was seriously injured by the premature explosion of a charge of dynamite. If he survives he probably will be blind. His home is in Boston.

Smallpox in New Hampshire Town.

Stratford, N. H., Sept. 21.—Local physicians have discovered three cases of smallpox in a French-Canadian family here. It is thought the origin will be traced to Pittsfield, where there are at present 10 convalescents in the pest house.

Had Fatal Termination.

Quincy, Mass., Sept. 21.—Miss Jane Phillips, who was burned severely while singeing a fowl, died as the result of her injuries. She was 53 years old, and had been employed as a domestic by Mrs. A. A. Marlow for 21 years.

Wanted on Manslaughter Charge.

Ansonia, Conn., Sept. 21.—Arthur Nelson, wanted in Holyoke, Mass., for manslaughter, was arrested in Oxford and taken to Holyoke to stand trial. It is alleged that in a quarrel with a companion, Nelson, in self-defense, struck the other on the head with an iron-pointed staff, killing him instantly. He then fled.

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Some Sure Things.

Bets to be avoided by those who are cocksure they can do all things are those relating to athletic feats. It would seem that a good runner could easily give a start of 50 yards in 100 to a man who was doing the 50 yards by hopping on one leg. But few runners, if any, can afford to give that amount of start to any man who is at all strong on his legs. For the first five yards or so they go at practically the same pace so that to run 35 yards while his opponent is hoping he has to go more than twice as fast, and it is a week man indeed who cannot hop 50 yards in ten seconds.

An ordinary wooden match is easily broken in the fingers, but, although there are many who will bet they can do it, none succeed in accomplishing the task if the match is laid across the nail of the middle finger of either hand and pressed upon by the first and third fingers of that hand, despite its seeming so easy at first sight.

No one can crush an egg placed lengthwise between his clasped hands—that is, if the egg be sound and has the ordinary shell of a hen's egg.

It is safe to let a man that he cannot get out of a chair without bending his body forward or putting his feet under it, if he is sitting on it, not at the edge of it.

Another equally certain wager is that a man cannot stand at the side of a room with both of his feet touching the white-clothed lengthwise.

It is safe to bet any man save one who is blind, that he cannot stand for five minutes without moving, if he is blindfolded.

What Tips Do.

A man who lives on an up town street where the houses cost from \$25,000 up was surprised not long ago by seeing a man known to all New Yorkers who patronize a well known restaurant coming from a house several doors below him with an air of proprietorship. This restaurant employee stood on the sidewalk for a few moments and gazed admiringly at his house and then at its respectable neighbors. For many years he has been connected with a certain New York restaurant as an attendant, and his fees have been generous. He knew all its patrons by name, and his politeness and eagerness to render service have made him well liked. Wondering if this restaurant attendant, whom he knew only by his first name, could by any possibility have rented a house on that street, the old resident came out to satisfy his curiosity.

"Hello," he said. "What are you doing up here?"

"Good morning, Mr. Blank," said the restaurant attendant. "How do you like my new house? I have just bought it because I think that my family will like this neighborhood. You are perhaps aware that my tips have been generous for many years, and I can now afford to live in this house very easily."

His questioner had no objection to him as a neighbor, and he congratulated the restaurant attendant on his prosperity. The house had actually been bought by tips, for its owner's salary probably averaged about \$15 a week.—New York Sun.

Items of Interest.

Rochester is so much pleased with its Otis arch that it proposes to erect it in permanent form at a park entrance.

In coining such modern words as "telegram," "photography," etc., the Japanese have recourse to the Chinese language, as we do to the Greek.

In China it is the rule of good society that widows do not remarry. They are not forbidden to do so, but they are thought more highly of if they don't.

Nearly two pounds of wood pulp was recently taken from the stomach of a Brooklyn boy, who had an insatiable appetite for chewing toothpicks and matches.

It is a curious fact that, despite the general knowledge of the deadly powers of high tension electric currents and their well known use for executing criminals, there is no record of a deliberate suicide by electric shock.

Exhausted.

The story of the cyclist who found over the door of a Cheshire church the cheerful text "This is the gate of heaven" with the modifying postscript, "This door is closed in the winter months," recalls to the Tablet another incongruity of a rather similar kind. Cardinal Manning went one day to his publishers for a copy of a book of his own—"Confidence in God." The order was shouted down to the stock-room, whence came the reply, "Manning's 'Confidence in God' all gone." The Cardinal heard and smiled.—London Chronicle.

Why Wigwag Rejoiced.

Mr. Wigwag. Did the new carpet arrive all right?
Mrs. Wigwag. Yes; it came intact.
Mr. Wigwag. Hooray! Hip! Hip! That lets me out!
Mrs. Wigwag. What in the world are you talking about?
Mr. Wigwag. Why, didn't you say it came in tacked?—Philadelphia Record.

An amusing case came before the police in Paris, when a dealer in fish was summoned by a Madame Ango, who claimed thirty francs damages for the injury caused by her nose by one of the defendant's lobsters. The plaintiff had gone to the market, and taking up a lobster from the stall, threw it down again, saying it was not fresh. The fishwife protested that it was alive, Madame to the contrary, so to satisfy herself the latter applied her nose to it, when the lobster seized hold of that organ and held fast. Madame Ango screamed for assistance, but the dealer and her companions were so overcome with laughter that it was some time before the nose of the lady could be released. The fish woman, in her defence, said she was not to blame, as the mischief was caused by Madame Ango putting the lobster so near her face, when she was told it was living. The law taking the same view of the case, the complaint was dismissed, the plaintiff to pay the costs.—Stray Stories.

A Librarian on the Train. "Beauty is only skin deep," remarked the person who is fond of quotations.
"Yes," answered the young man who runs the complexion department in the drug store, "and sometimes it isn't even as deep as that."—Washington Star.

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Truth vs. Fiction.

It has never been denied that truth is stronger than fiction. Fiction stood on the corner and loudly declaimed:—
"There is plenty of money in the country with which to do the business of the country."
Truth conveys the statement that a few minutes later the declaimer was in whispering consultation with his grocer, seeking to secure credit for a sack of meal and two pounds of bacon until next Saturday night.—Omaha World-Herald.

Best Time to It.

"Heavens, man! You look as if you had run your face into an electric fan."

"No, it's music that's responsible for this."

"Music?"

"Yes, my father's very susceptible to music, and while he was shaving me today an organ grinder came along and began playing one of those rag-time tunes."

Juvenile Finance.

Little Ethel—"My sister May loves you very dearly, Mr. Softhead."

Mr. Softhead (delighted).—"Ah, sweet child; here is ten cents for you. Now, tell me, dearie, why do you say that your sister loves me?"

Little Ethel—"Why, 'cause when I said the same thing to Mr. Binker and Mr. Dinker they gave me ten cents, too.—Judge.

History's Notorious Fault.

"I must insist," declared Diana, who was the acknowledged leader of the Olympia Woman's Suffrage Party, "that the purity of the ballot would be conserved by allowing us to vote."

"Nonsense," protested Mercury, leader of the opposition, "you wouldn't be able to control the noise of History's natural born repeater."—Philadelphia Press.

Justice.

"No, sir," said the leader of the mob, "we lynchers do things respectfully. Last week, for instance, we hung a man; we proved innocent afterward, and what did we do then? But pass resolutions of sorrow, no go out and hang another man to make up for our mistake! We don't like to take no mean advantage, and when we makes a mistake we air the first to own it!"

Can Trust the Horse.

The horse gazed thoughtfully after the automobile and remarked:—
"That's all right, but you have to be guided."

Whereupon Cupid suddenly remembered something and made a note of it.

"Horse sense" is not merely an expression. It is a fact.—Omaha World-Herald.

Treated Him Right.

Mother—"Didn't that young man kiss you last night?"

Daughter—"I—I believe he did, mamma."

Mother—"Well, what did you do to rebuke him?"

Daughter—"I—I sat on him."

Following Precedent.

"I'm too practical to do as heroes do in books. Miss Sligh, so I'll just ask you bluntly, will you be my wife?"

"No! Thank you, Mr. Tulse. I myself don't believe in those silly, bookish unions, and as silly heroes all ways say yes, why, I'll tell you bluntly, no, sir, I won't."—Philadelphia North American.

He'd Better Learn.

"Goin' skatin' fore long?" asked little Jimmie of his sister's beau, who was waiting in the parlor.

"I don't skate, my boy. Why?"

"I heard Jimmie say if you wanted her you better be gettin' your skates on, 'cause they was others."

Blessings of the Bicycle.

"Put mighty glad my wife coaxed me into getting her a wheel," said the lean passenger.

"Makes her happy, eh?" said the fat passenger.

"She is so stuck on riding that she ain't going to clean house this year."—Indianapolis Journal.

Winning Ways.

"Money," said the philosopher, may often do more harm than good. Sometimes the mighty dollar is a man's worst enemy."

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum, "and I often feel that a number of people love me for the enemies I have made."—Washington Star.

Where He Got the Idea.

"There are sermons in stones," mused the minister. "That gives me an idea," he added to himself, and then went to his study.

The next Sunday he preached on the sin of wearing diamonds.

After the Repast.

First Cannibal—"I wonder what was the rank of that clergyman?"

Second Cannibal (smacking his lips).—"I don't know, but I should say he was a prime minister."

Its Own Fault.

"What do you think of this portrait of me, my dear?" asked Wilberup.

"It is very smiling and pleasant," said Mrs. Wilberup. Then the added, wistfully, "I wish you'd look like it once in a while, John."

No Friend.

Mrs. Clunker. Is that gentleman standing by the door a friend of yours?

Mrs. Whacker. Oh, no, indeed. That's my husband.

Calling a fickle man a weather-vane puts him in the wrong classification. A weather-vane fills an important mission.—Philadelphia North American.

Why we Throw Shoes.

The custom of throwing old shoes and dice has prevailed for years in America, England and Scotland. It came from the eastern nations, and was originally intended as a sign of relinquishment by the relatives of their authority over the bride. An old Jewish custom provided that a brother of a childless man had the first privilege of marrying a widow, and until her brother-in-law refused her she could not marry again. Another authority maintains that the throwing of the shoe was a sham assault on the groom, who was supposed to be carrying off the bride.—Exchange.

Aunt Ann's Philosophy.

"Aunt Ann, I am surprised to hear you say you are in favor of second marriages. How can you justify them?"

"Why, my dear young widow, if your first marriage was a happy one you will never be happy until you are married again. If it was a failure you are entitled to another trial."

Polite.

An Omaha man noted for his gallantry, was standing in a crowded street car hanging to a strap. As the car swung around a corner the strap broke, dumping him into the lap of a well-dressed young woman. The polite man arose and bowed. "Madam," he said, "this is the first time the street car company ever conferred a favor on me!"

Two Farmers.

"This," said the city man who had taken up farming, "this is my herbarium."

"Your what?" asked the farmer born to the business.

"My herbarium—collection of herbs, you know."

"Oh! And isn't you goin' to build no herbarium, too?"

Meant what she said.

"Did I understand you to say that you are unmarried, madam?" asked the lawyer, who was cross-examining a Chicago woman.

"I do not know what you understand me to say," replied the witness; "but that is what I said. I have been unmarried four times."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Sure to It Hit.

Doctor—"I don't wonder you're sick. You must take an ice-cold bath every morning."

Patient—"That's just what I've been doing."

Doctor—"Well, then, you'll have to stop it."

Man's Contrary Nature.

"When John was younger he always grumbled when I asked him to dig up the garden."

"Well?"

"Now he has rheumatism, I simply can't keep him from getting out and digging it up before he ought to."

Difference of Opinion.

"That fellow," he said, "always seems to come when he isn't wanted."

"Who doesn't want him, Mr. Brown?" she asked. And after less than a minute of thought he reached the conclusion that possibly he had made a mistake as to who was not wanted.—Stray Stories.

A Word of Warning.

"Great geniuses, they say, are always absent-minded."

"Yes, but don't fool yourself; all absent-minded people are not great geniuses."

A Point in Economy.

"Mrs. Wiggs is the closest woman on the block."

"What has she been doing?"

"Why, she won't have her leaves raked up; she says they can be shoveled up with the first snow."

Very much Hurt.

"Were you hurt when she refused you?"

"Yes, very much. Her father fell on me at the same time."

A Soft Answer, Etc.

"Are you aware," said the man in the rear, fiercely, "that your umbrella is poking me in the eye?"

"It isn't my umbrella," replied the man in front, "it's a borrowed one, sir."

Solved.

Pearl. I wonder whom Kipling dedicated his "Lost We Forget" to.

Ruby. "The Absent Minded Beggar," I suppose.—Chicago News.

The pupil of a public school who had been absent from school for two weeks brought this written excuse from her mother: Louisa was absent Monday, please excuse her. Louisa was absent Tuesday, she had a sore throat. Louisa was absent Wednesday, she had a sore throat. Louisa was absent Thursday, she had a sore throat. Louisa was absent Friday, she had a sore throat. Read this over again for next week.

Hobby was spending the afternoon at his aunt's and for some moments had been gazing out of the window in a painfully thoughtful sort of way.

"What makes you so serious, Hobby?" asked his aunt.

"Why, ma told me that I must remember not to ask for anything to eat and I am trying to remember it."

Union Signal.

"Did you do anything to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday this week?"

"I should say not," answered the man with the diamond and the fierce monocle. "A man who wrote these low-office frocks like Macbeth and King Lear ought to be glad he's living without asking for any celebrations."

"So you wish to assist in the examination of this investment company? What do you know about dishonest examinations, young man?"

"I used to examine gas meters, sir."

—Chicago News.

Ways of the World.

Sandy Pikes—"Things ain't fair in this world, Billy."

Bill Coalgate—"What's de matter now, Sandy?"

Sandy Pikes—"Why, Ise jest bin dinin' a little 'nkin'. Here's dese high fluted fellows dat git a good dinner for jest tellin' a funny story about dese 'pro' eatin'. We has to fill a woodshed before we kin git a little cold lunch. It ain't right."

In Sympathy.

"But did not the neighbors send you anything after the fire?" inquired the poor commissioner of the widow whose home and belongings had been totally destroyed three nights before by the relentless flames.

"Yes, sir," was the reply. "Mrs. Cleaver across the street sent me a beautiful drawnwork doily with her card, and Miss Hushington, in the next block a very pretty cutglass knife-and-fork rest."

The Probability.

"Does your wife worry about burglars?"

"Not much," answered Mr. Meekton.

"I wonder what she'd say if she found one in the house?"

"I don't know, but I have an idea that she'd ask him how he dared come in the house without wiping his shoes on the mat."—Washington Star.

Not his Fault.

Jack's Mamma—"There were three slices of cake in the cupboard, Jack, and now there are only two. How does that happen?"

Jack—"It was so dark in there, mamma, that I didn't see the others."

Good Definition.

"What is a sanguine disposition, Uncle Christopher?"

"Sanguine disposition? Well, it's your mother, Bobby, thinking she can drive a picture nail with a banana."

Oh, Don't you Remember.

There's nothing more disgusting to a boy than to follow a fire-engine half a mile up a long hill under the impression that it's going to a fire, only to find that they are taking the machine to be repaired.

Another Struggle.

"Well, after all, what is a pessimist?"

"He is a man whose naturally sunny disposition has been embittered by running up against so many people who won't admit that he knows more than they do."

Found his Nerve in Them, Two.

Weary Wrangles. "About a year ago you gave me a pair of pants on I found a quarter in em."

Lady. "And you have come to return the quarter?"

Weary Wrangles. "Now, I come for a nuther pair o' pants."

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